Please do not relax the restrictions on media ownership. These regulations were put in place for a reason. Consolidation of media outlets into the hands of a very

small number of owners greatly imperils the free discourse of ideas necessary for a  $\!\!\!$ 

free and open democracy. The fact that most citizens receive their information from mass media such as television and radio means that to have one or two companies

controlling the airwaves we would be walking backward towards an information policy similar to that of a totalitarian society, with government propaganda replaced with that of multinational corporations.1

Thank you for considering

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